

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A collaborative computing method for the establishment of a named collaborative space, the method comprising:
 - providing a named space defining a work place within the collaborative computing environment;
 - identifying a membership set for the collaborative space, the membership set including one or more members; and
 - providing at least one business process accessible within the named space.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least one business process is a business component instance visualized via a portlet.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the members of membership set for the collaborative space are assigned a role, the role defining access and permission privileges to the at least one business process.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the established named collaborative space is templatable to serve as the basis for the establishment of other named collaborative spaces.
5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the established named collaborative

space is provisionable from other named collaborative spaces.

6. The method of Claim 2, further comprising transferring information between the business component instance and the named collaborative space, the information being transferred using an enterprise java bean.

7. The method according to Claim 1, further including assigning a policy to the named space.

8. A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program which when executed performs a method for establishing a collaborative computing named collaborative space, the method comprising:

providing a named space defining a work place within the collaborative computing environment;

storing a membership set for the collaborative space, the membership set identifying one or more members; and

providing at least one business process accessible within the named space.

9. The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the at least one business process is a business component instance visualized via a portlet.

10. The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the members of membership set for the collaborative space are assigned a role, the role defining

access and permission privileges to the at least one business process.

11. The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the established named collaborative space is templatable to serve as the basis for the establishment of other named collaborative spaces.

12. The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the established named collaborative space is provisionable from other named collaborative spaces.

13. The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein the method performed by the stored computer program when executed further includes transferring information between the business component instance and the named collaborative space, the information being transferred using an enterprise java bean.

14. The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the method performed by the stored computer program when executed further includes assigning a policy to the named space.

15. A system providing a named collaborative space in a collaborative computing environment, the system comprising a computer having:

a database, the database storing:

a membership set for the collaborative space, the membership set

identifying one or more members; and

data corresponding to a named space defining a work place within the collaborative computing environment; and

a central processing unit functioning to provide at least one business process accessible within the named space, the central processing unit in operative communication with the database.

16. The system of Claim 15, wherein the at least one business process is a business component instance visualized via a portlet.

17. The system of Claim 15, wherein the database further stores role data, members of membership set for the collaborative space being assigned a role based on corresponding role data, the role data defining access and permission privileges to the at least one business process.

18. The system of Claim 15, wherein the named collaborative space is templatable to serve as the basis for the establishment of other named collaborative spaces.

19. The system of Claim 15, wherein the named collaborative space is provisionable from other named collaborative spaces.